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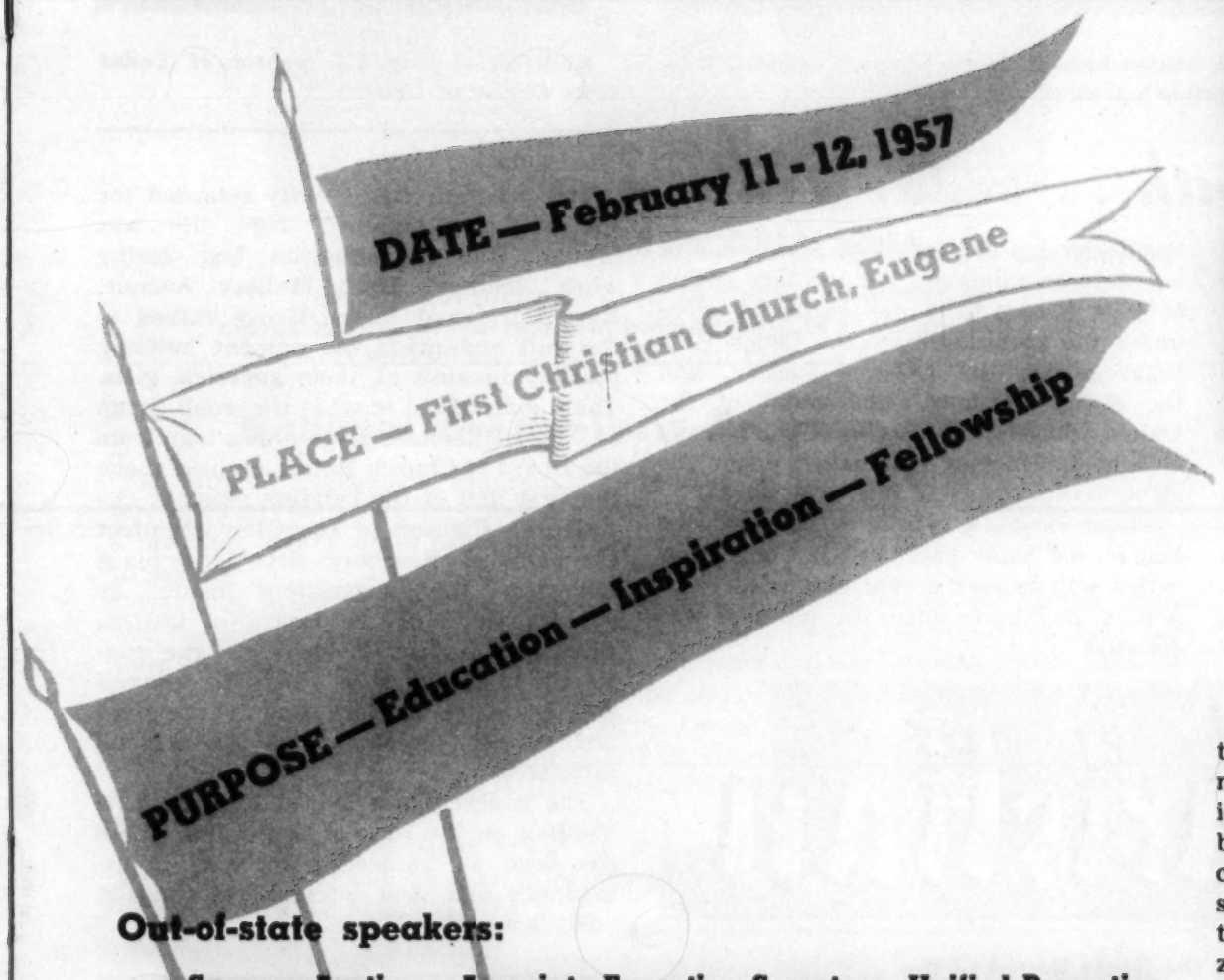

Out-of-state speakers:

Spencer Austin — Associate Executive Secretary, Unified Promotion
Robert Nelson - Executive Secretary African Missions, U.C.M.S.;
Edna Whipple Gish - Missionary to Thailand, U.C.M.S.

The above outstanding Christian leaders of our brotherhood together with local leadership and the best in sacred music will assure another great assembly such as we enjoyed last year at Salem.

The Assembly is being sponsored by our Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Dr. Carroll Roberts, minister of Eugene First Christian Church is general chairman; Marion Nilsson, minister of Mallory Avenue Christian Church is program chairman; and Kenneth Johnston, minister of Kern Park Christian Church, is publicity chairman.

"We call upon every pastor in the state," says Kenneth Johnston, in behalf of the committee, "to publicize the Assembly and to plan for a worthy representation of his congregation at this meeting."

ROBERT NELSON

Secretary for African Missions Will Be at Eugene Assembly

Mr. Robert Nelson is executive secretary for the Disciples of Christ Congo missions in Belgian Congo and for service to the Union of South Africa carried by The United Christian Missionary Society. In this position, he administers mission efforts in education, medicine, pastoral aid, evangelism, and church organization in cooperation with the missionaries and nationals in these countries.

Prior to being called to his present position, Mr. Nelson was a missionary to Jamaica, British West Indies. There his service was devoted to rural churches, pastoral aid, evangelism, and mission administration. He first entered missionary service in 1948 following a ministry at Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Nelson, a native of Norman, Oklahoma, is a graduate of Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma, and of Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. He has also done additional study under the supervision of the mission board. He is married, has two sons and a daughter, and resides in Indianapolis.

CEDAR HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, shown here in a late stage of construction, is now virtually completed and the congregation has moved in.

ELMER G. BOYER, pastor of Cedar Hills Christian Church.

Church of the Month . . Cedar Hills

In the fall of 1952 a group of interested persons in the Cedar Hills area conferred with Ward Rice, Dr. Ross Griffeth, Newell Morgan, and Charles Addleman about the possibility of establishing a church in that area. A survey was made by NCC students a little later; then in the spring of 1953 a site was contracted for. Many have said the site is the best location in the area. It is located north of Beaverton in the western edge of the Cedar Hills development.

In the late summer of 1953 services were opened in the Barnes school under the leadership of A. F. Van Slyke, one of our veteran ministers. In the late spring of 1954 Nelson Cole was called to serve under the sponsorship of the Cedar Hills congregation, the Oregon Society, and the Home Missions Department of the United Society. Following Mr. Nelson, Dwight L. Hackett was called under the same arrangement to lead the work.

Elmer Boyer, a retired missionary who had served many years in the Congo, was called a little over a year ago to serve on a part-time basis until the building was finished.

The program was greatly retarded for the lack of a building. New life was brought into the situation last spring when Portland First, Mallory Avenue, Kern Park, and Forest Grove rallied to the call and made the present building possible because of their generous gifts. These gifts added to what the small group at Cedar Hills have given plus a loan from the Board of Church Extension have made the first unit of the building possible.

George Clausen of the Glen Architect Company of Roseburg drew the plans following the suggestions made by Charles Betts of the Board of Church Extension. Arthur Holden was the contractor in charge of building. We appreciate very much the fact that the architect and builder stayed within the original estimates.

The congregation moved into the new building on the first of December. There has been an immediate increase in attendance and new interest resulting in additions to the church.

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Offerings for Refugees from Hungary

The Tragedy of Hungary is presented every day to the people through the daily press, radio, and television. Many have asked how they might contribute to this worthy cause. The offerings may be remitted to the Week of Compassion, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. You may rest assured that your offerings will be administered through Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. Also, Week of Compassion credit will be given.

THE LONG RANGE PROGRAM GOAL

An Annual Increase in local church membership equal to 10% of the resident membership of the previous year

Evangelism Is Not Optional In Your Church

National Evangelistic Program Opened

A National Evangelistic Program is being launched this month, to run through Easter, April 21. Materials, including a poster, a poster's guide book, a procedure manual, a program packet, order cards, and a permanent file folder, have been made available to pastors.

David S. McNelly, associate secretary of evangelism in the United Society, issues this challenge: "I challenge you—I dare you to make evangelism the first claim upon your life, your time, and your church program from January through Easter, April 21.

"If you will live anew in your own personal life, 'with Christ at the Cross'— and lead your people to live anew, 'with Christ at the Cross,' and determine to know why Jesus died upon that cross, and then dare to tell the Good News of Salvation to your people, you will have the most glorious Easter experience to share with your people you have ever known.

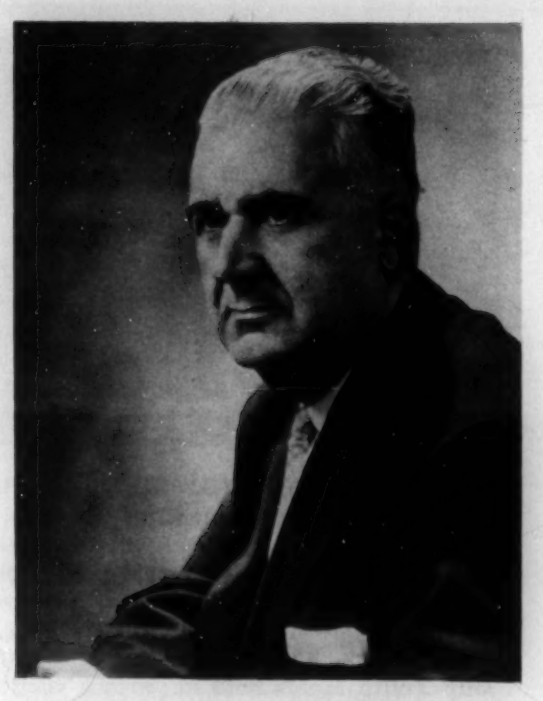
"Evangelism has the power to roll the stone away from the coldness of death's tomb, and give your soul and the spirit of your people new life."

Report of the Director of Christian Education

For the first time since I came into the work of state Director of Christian Education, there has been an opportunity to concentrate on the office organization for an uninterrupted block of time — and it has been a welcome opportunity! The period of time from November 15 to December 15 was spent primarily in the office, with two weekends out for World Fellowship Youth Meets, and several days in committee meetings. I also served in various ways with Portland area churches during the period: speaking at Kern Park Workers Conference, working with department teachers at First Church for three Sundays; and assisting in the new church at Cedar Hills.

A "new look" has been achieved in the office, through the addition of some much needed cupboard and display space. We invite all of our friends to drop in and visit us.

Of real joy to all of us is the thrilling success of the recent World Fellowship Youth Meets. Increased from 5 last year to 8 this year, the Meets provided better program and experiences for both C.Y.F. and Chi Rho Youth. Total attendance jumped markedly (see write-up elsewhere.)



DR. ORVAL D. PETERSON

NBA Elects Yakima Pastor as President

Dr. Orval D. Peterson was chosen by the Board of Trustees of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Churches at their meeting on November 14, 1956, to head all the administrative affairs of the Association under the new position created as PRESIDENT OF THE NBA. Dr. Peterson will begin his new duties at the NBA Headquarters, 16th Floor, Landreth Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri, on February 1, 1957.

Dr. Peterson attended University of Oregon, Northwest Christian College, (Eugene Bible University), and received the A.B. and B.D. degrees. He attended Union Theological Seminary, New York, and received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Butler University in 1945. He has received the Mark Twain Literary Award, the Eugene Field Society Literature Award, and the Selective Service Medal.

Dr. Peterson was minister of First Christian Church in Carlton, Oregon, from 1923 to 1926; First Christian Church, Dallas, from 1926 to 1930; and Lewiston, Idaho, from 1930 to 1936. He has been pastor of the First Christian Church in Yakima, Washington, since 1936.

Dr. Peterson served as president of our Church Convention in Washington, **member of the Washington State Board,** member of the Disciples Student Foundation Board, Chairman of the Washington State Stewardship Commission, member of the **Northwest Christian College Board,** member of Disciples of Christ Historical Society Board, member of the National Stewardship Committee, and member of the Committee of Brotherhood Finance (elected at the 1956 Des Moines International Convention).

WORLD FELLOWSHIP MEET at First Christian Church in Salem.

ENGLEWOOD (Portland) youth present CWFF play at Salem Meet.

Regional Meets Attract Youth

A new record has been reached in youth work with Eight World Fellowship Youth Meets held in various sections of the state during early December. All Meets showed a considerable growth over the previous year, with a total of 580 persons attending, as contrasted with 371 the year before. For the first time, separate Meets for Chi Rho Youth were provided.

Under the slogan "Read Books to Know, Give Dollars to Go" youth and adults were inspired to try to read books on world outreach during the next six months.

Host churches included Coquille, Myrtle Point, Salem First, Corvallis, Lebanon, LaGrande, and Bend. Local directors at the Meets were Walter Naff, Earl Sample, Gerald Sawyer, Marion Castle, John Ihle, Mrs. Don Ross, Gene Robinson, Mrs. Janice Masten, and Len Fishback.

The Meets began with registration at 4:30 on Friday and concluded with a banquet early Saturday evening.

A highlight of the Zone 4 Meet was election of new zone officers: Carl Reeder, Pendleton, pres.; Ruth Elmer, Alicel, vice-pres.; Janie Dumond, Hermiston, secretary; Janice Lorenzen, LaGrande, enlistment chamn; Betty Doan, Pendleton, Study; Ruth Ann Harmon, Hermiston, service; Rodney Parrott, Ontario, Recreation; and Betty Marr, Hermiston, Worship.

Missionaries for the Meets were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gilchrist, Asuncion, Paraguay; Mrs. Elmer Boyer, Africa; and Miss Anna Bender, India.

In Salem, the youth of Zone 1 met at the First Christian Church; 83 young people, representing 11 churches, attended. Through classes and skits the missionary causes were presented, and the youth responded with an offering of $34.75 for Christian World Friendship Fund.

The Zone 2 Chi Rho youth met at Corvallis, where a special feature was the playing of a tape recording made at Camp Lane last summer and the showing of slides which Don Helseth, Corvallis pastor, took at the Camp. Over 90 atttended this Meet.

The CYF of Zone 2 met at Lebanon, 90 strong, to break last year's record to pieces, for last year's attendance, 76, included both CYF and Chi Rho. Three persons dedicated themselves to specialized Christian service: Nancy Scott, Lebanon; Sharon Hart and Janet Vetter, Albany First.

Zone 2 officers are as follows: president, Dale Stitt, Lebanon; vice president, Larry Anderson, Lebanon; secretary, Judy Goad, Oakridge; Betty Shoup, worship chairman, Eugene First; Janet Vetter, study chairman, Albany First; Pat Jones, service chairman, Lebanon; Dan Watts, recreation chairman, Albany First.

MRS. MARSHALL GILCHRIST, missionary to Paraguay, talks to youth at book table, at Salem CWFF Meet.

JILL YOCKEY AND JUDY HERSHISER (at piano) participate in worship service at Chi Rho Meet in Corvallis.

ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This has been a busy period, involving meetings of the Portland and Oregon Council of Churches and a meeting with the Northwest Promotional Committee of the Heifer Project Inc., where I was elected to serve as chairman of the committee.

Also attended a conference on FHA housing for the elderly.

One of the busy Sundays before leaving on my trip to St. Louis I attended the early worship service at Salem First, the eleven o'clock worship at Eastside Albany where I brought a greeting and stated a few things about the Society program), Allison Park Church in Eugene for the afternoon Fifth Anniversary celebration, Christian House in Eugene for a conference with the local committee on student work, and then back to Portland. I shared in the Institutes on Evangelism as conducted jointly by our Society and the Oregon Council of Churches with Dr. Jesse Bader at La Grande and Pendleton.

I attended the Annual National Association of State Secretaries meeting in St. Louis and enjoyed the wonderful fellowship with these men. The program was good and very definite plans are under way for a united effort in the 1960 to 1970 period for establishing new churches. Final plans will be ready to announce soon. I was elected to serve on the New Church Committee as well as on the Program Committee.

I sat in on the business meeting of Unified Promotion. These meetings were followed by the Home and State Missions Planning Council. It is interesting to learn how these nine national committees work and plan work and materials to aid local churches in their functional committees. The eight commission chairmen of our own State Society will do well to keep in close touch with these abundant resources.

It was my privilege to see and visit with some former Oregonians, including Mrs. Myron Cole, Ralph Neil, Hubert Sias, and Dudley Strain. Have been able to spend about a week in the office and have had the usual run of office conferences.

Chas. H. Addleman

NEWS AND PICTURE DEADLINE JANUARY 15

N.C.C. FALL FORMAL PARTY: foreground, at table, left to right, La Verne Thorpe (Oregon City); Anita Adams (Gladstone); Lynne Meredith (Vancouver, Washington); Marion Castle (Sumner, Washington).

N.C.C. STRING ENSEMBLE: left to right, Martha Crumroy (Eugene, First Christian); Fern Woodworth (Modesto, California); Peggy Daniels (Olympia, Washington); Barbara Beeman (Vancouver, Washington).

Northwest Christian College

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Occasionally the Northwest Christian College students conduct a formal party which both relieves the stress of study and helps the students prepare for similar events which they will be called upon to conduct in churches after graduation.

One such delightful event was the Christmas formal party, held in the First Baptist Church of Eugene. Those in attendance were seated at tables during the program of music, skits, readings and humorous presentations.

One of the charming musical presentations was by a string ensemble made up of Martha Crumroy, Fern Woodworth, Peggy Daniels, and Barbara Beeman.

The party was concluded with a challenging devotional period.

Coming Events

Charles Betts, Consulting Architect for the Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ, will conduct a class on Church Architecture, January 21-25, 1957, at Northwest Christian College. The class will be held in late afternoon and is open to anyone who is interested. The fee is $6.00 and one hour of college credit may be earned. For additional information call or write to the College.

Jack Sutton, widely known for his challenging messages to men, will conduct a school at Northwest Christian College on February 17 through February 21, 1957. This is for men of the church and is designed to help the men become better servants of the church. The class is open without charge to all men. Congregations within easy driving distance of Eugene are organizing delegations to come to these classes. Any church that wishes to send men to the meetings may do so. In so far as possible, the men should plan to attend all sessions.

The Christian Education Practicum will be held March 25 through April 5, 1957. This is designed to help teachers and leaders of children in church schools to improve their teaching methods. College credit may be earned. More detailed information will be provided well in advance of the Practicum.

Student Preview, so successful last years, will be held this year on April 5 and 6. Seniors and juniors in high schools are especially invited to attend the Student Preview. The purpose is to acquaint students with the program of education offered by Northwest Christian College and to direct their attention to Christian college education. Adult leaders of youth in the churches should plan now to make the trip and bring their interested high school juniors and seniors to this preview of Christian college life. Mark the date: Student Preview, April 5, 6, 1957.

Building

Work on the new Library is progressing splendidly and within a very short time the building will be in use. Watch for announcement of the formal dedication of the Library.

Mrs. Meyer Tan-Ditter in Hospital

Word has just been received from Mr. Tan-Ditter that Alice is in the hospital for surgery. She will likely be out of the hospital by the time this news reaches you; so if you write them, address them at their home: P. O. Box 85, Bell Gardens, California.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

At a meeting of the state exceutive board of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood held at the Court Street Christian Church in Salem on December 9, action was taken to accept the request of Ed Dewees that he be allowed to serve the Turner Memorial Home for nine months of the calendar year beginning January 1, 1957. Since the trustees of the Home had already acted to give Brother Dewees leave of absence for June, July, and August for work in the junior camps for boys and girls, the Ninety and Nine officers further voted to pay for his services for that time with revision of monthly salary and budget figures accordingly. This revised budget will be made available to the district and local officers in the men's work.

A lively and profitable discussion of the entire program of men's work in the state featured the meeting. Interest and action in stewardship, evangelism, and new churches will continue to challenge the men in each district of the state and a definite project to increase the scope of the junior camping program will include enlisting of at least 400 men who will invest $10 each in these camps. This is approximately the sum required beyond the registration and insurance fees to carry the annual cost of the camps and includes the salaries paid to the college students who serve on the teaching staff. Appropriate cards are being printed and will be issued by district officers to each man who thus shares. Also, a pamphlet is being prepared on the camp work.

Announcement was made of the Jack Sutton "School of Churchmanship" to be held at Kern Park Christian Church in Portland on Feb. 3-8, inclusive, and at N.C.C. on Feb. 17-21, inclusive. All men who can are urged to attend these meetings.

To Those Who Saw The March of Medicine Television Program

Did you see the program and did you enjoy it? It is suggested that the church leaders of the state write a letter of appreciation to the people who made it possible. You may address your letter to: Dr. Francis Boyer, President; Smith, Kline & French Laboratories, 1530 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia 1, Pennsylvania.

"DO YOU LOVE ME? FEED MY

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Mr. and Mrs. George Niku and their son, Sammy, are refugees from Greece. George is now supervisor of the Stockroom at Missions Building. They are very happy and are grateful.

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Milk from Church World Service tastes wonderful to this little refugee from Kashmir in a camp on the Pakistan border.

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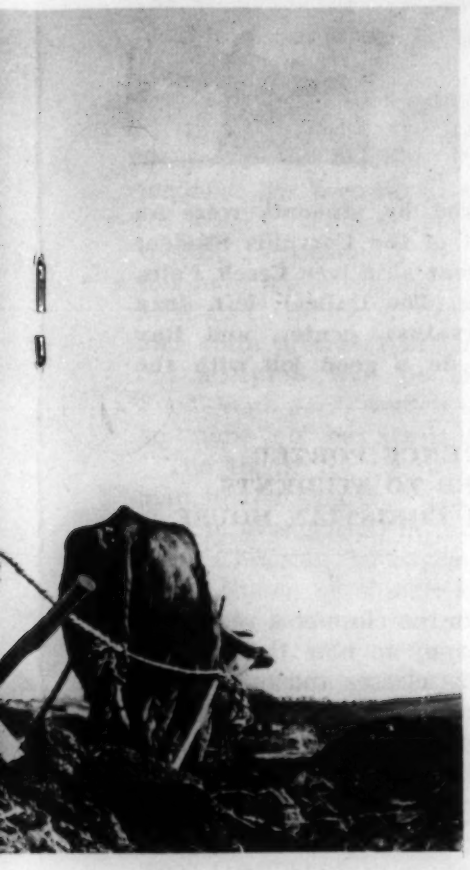

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One of our chaplains (Fredric J. Forney) discusses God's Word with a young serviceman. The serviceman is one of a group of consecrated young men who are preparing to bring God to men on ships without a chaplain.

Members of Second Church, Bronx, New York, visiting a Puerto Rican family. Our Puerto Rican congregations are enthusiastic in their evangelistic efforts.

Portland Church Progresses

The Southwest Church of Christ met for its first worship service just one year ago September 18. The members leased a building at 5541 S. W. Bertha - Beaverton Highway. The Bible school attendance started about 30 and has progressed to an average of 45-50 with a record of 59. The church attendance has averaged 43 with a record of 104.

At this time there are 44 charter members.

In December of 1955 they purchased property at S. W. 50th and Vermont Street, which is in the center of a rapidly growing portion of suburban Portland. The purchase price was $5500. At this reporting the last payment, retiring the entire amount, is being paid. The building plans are being made and the actual construction will begin early in the spring.

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST, Portland.

Education Commission Meets

The first meeting of the newly constituted Christian Education Commission was held in Portland, Dec. 8, with the following Commission members present: Chairman Don Payne, Pendleton; Bob Mulkey, Kern Park, Portland; Marion Nilsson, Mallory Ave., Portland; Mrs. L. O. White, Lebanon; Mrs. Oakley Rhay, First Christian, Eugene; Mrs. Arnold Goff, Forest Grove; Mrs. Roland Moshier, Springfield; Robert Richter, First Christian, Portland. Also present were L. O. White, president of the O.C.M.S., and Loma Mae Jones, Director of Christian Education.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

MARRIED STUDENTS' GROUP at Eugene Christian House. Rich Holliday (Forest Grove), seen at the end of the table, is president of the Married Students' Group.

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Eugene Christian House students, both married and single, made their Christmas sacrificial offering for Hungarian Relief. This was a part of the two annual Christmas dinners. Hosts for the Married Students' turkey dinner were the Bob Biggses (Waldport) and the Dick Fishbacks (Burns). "Peace on earth —goodwill" has been the theme of the Christmas observance, with students from Norway, Greece, Holland, Hawaii, and other lands describing Christmas customs in their homelands. International students on campus have put this Christmas message on the fireplace mirror in Old English, Korean, Persian, Hindi, Norwegian, Lithuanian, Greek, and Latin. The closing service featured the challenging film, "Peace on Earth".

Twelve delegates are attending the Regional Conference of the United Student Christian Council in Parkland, Washington, Dec. 27-31. They are Doris and Wynn Dahlgren (Canby); Carolyn Fredrickson, Nancy Perry, Wally Peterson (Eugene); Don Smith (Portland); Nancy Engle (Roseburg); Billie Riddell (Monmouth); Janice Gleason and Jim Oglesby (Longview); and Clarence and Dulcina Elliott, Christian House directors. Maureen Church of Eugene, student at Lewis and Clark, is also a delegate. Mrs. Elliott is one of the group leaders at the conference. The theme is "You, God, and the 'U'" with the basic question "What does it mean to be a Christian on the campus?"

The making of the Christmas door swags has again been a major project of the season, with Mrs. Don Burger (Jean Miller) of St. Helens as general chairman. Proceeds will go toward House furnishings which are greatly needed.

MEALS prepared by students were an interesting part of the Corvallis Student Fellowship retreat at Silver Creek Falls. Richard Larson (The Dalles), left, Joan McMorris (Corvallis), center, and Ray Adsit (Amity) do a good job with the pancakes.

LAWRENCE PORTER MINISTER TO STUDENTS CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Ae we come to the close of a very busy term, we are happy to note that the attendance at Bible classes and other services is not falling off. Forty-two students gathered at Christian House to decorate the house for Christmas.

On December 6 the students went on their fall retreat, with Lyle Read, student president, in charge. The group worked hard and a great deal was accomplished. Pat Wells (Vernonia) had charge of meals and saw that everyone had plenty of good food. Sheryl Youde (Grants Pass) had charge of the worship. At the communion service Ray Adsit (Riddle) and Lyle Read (Corvallis) served as elders.

On December 19 the Married Students' Fellowship had their Christmas party at Corvallis Christian House. Many of these students and their families remain in Corvallis during the holidays.

The students, although handicapped by lack of equipment, are getting out their paper, called "Beaver's Beacon". This is mailed regularly to students on campus.

We want to share these words in a letter from one of our former students: "I want to thank you again for the wonderful, glorious years at Corvallis Christian House. Now that I am out of school I can really begin to understand the good work done there. I just hope and pray this work may continue many years to come."

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

The Christian Women's Fellowship state board extends New Year's greetings to all of you. May His rich blessings abide with you and give you peace throughout the coming year.

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Several women in Oregon have already registered for the Christian Women's Fellowship Assembly to be held June 19-23, on the Purdue University campus at Lafayette, Indiana. This is the first Assembly of its kind ever to be sponsored by the women of our church. The goal for attendance has been set at 4,500. More than 550 women have been invited to take some specific responsibility in connection with this most important meeting, among them Mrs. C. C. Smith of Portland (Ola) former state president of Oregon CYF. Ola has accepted the job of Supervisor of Food. With 4,500 women to feed that will be "some job" but she is equal to it.

The theme for the week is "The Woman in the Church." Classes on the woman in evangelism, in missions, stewardship, Christian education, worship, and other phases of church life will be conducted by some of the most able leaders in America and perhaps several from places outside America. Daily devotional periods will be conducted by Dr. Nels Ferre, instructor at Vanderbilt University.

In preparation for this most wonderful experience, the women of America are asked to read the Book of Romans every week. The over-all cost for the time spent on the campus will be $37, which includes registration, housing and food, insurance, materials, and bus service for women who cannot walk miles each day. A 200-voice choir, library, gift shop, infirmary and other fine features will be provided. Women, you can't afford to miss it! Register now. Write to me for blanks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Byerlee, son and daughter-in-law of David and Victoria Byerlee so well known in Oregon, were appointed as industrial and educational missionaries in the Belgian Congo at the November meeting of the board of trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society. Allen was born in the Congo. In 1953 following his graduation with degrees from Northwest Christian College and from the University of Oregon, Allen and his wife Joy, went to the Congo for a two-year internship while Allen served as apprenticeship in press work. He was tutored by his father, who operates the Battson Memorial Press, the printing plant of our Mission in Bolenge, which turned out in 1955 6,300,000 pages of printed matter and bound 59,560 books.

The Congo mission has requested the young Byerlees' return. In January they will go to Brussells, Belgium, for study of French, and will proceed to the Congo in June 1957. During their furlough the Byerlees attended Clark University, Vancouver, Washington, which provided the best possible training for his future work as a printer. He is slated to take over his father's work when David and Victoria retire in the not too distant future.

DAVID DUNNING

Presenting— The New Minister at Newport

Sunday, October 7, the Newport Christian Church welcomed its new minister, David D. Dunning. Mr. Dunning is accompanied by his wife Beth and a 11-month old daughter, Laurie.

Mr. Dunning was raised in Boise, Idaho, and has been attending Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, for the past four years. During his college studies, he served as Youth Worker for the First Christian church in Vancouver, Washington, traveling there on weekends.

Mrs. Dunning is a graduate of Northwest Christian College with a Bachelor of Religious Education.

ABOUT HUNGARY

C .O. HAWLEY TELLS WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ASSIST HUNGARIAN REFUGEES.

There are a few unaccompanied children among the one hundred thousand refugees from Hungary to Austria. The tag on one of them said, "Take care of my child. I will fight to the end."

This statement deals with the response of the churches to this request. Let us think about what the World Council of Churches and Church World Service, in cooperation with other agencies, are doing in the Hungarian crisis. Also, it needs to be remembered that Disciples of Christ through the Week of Compassion have shared in this emergency as they help to support both the World Council and Church World Service.

The encouraging factor is that both of these agencies, as soon as the news reached the headlines, got busy. The Department of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees immediately entered the picture as representativs of the church. They sent regular staff members to Austria and since that time have added ten experienced workers for this specific service in Austria. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gribble, who will be supported by Week of Compassion funds. Jimmie is the son of Mrs. Evylin Gribble of World Call.

The World Council of Churches is working with the Austrian churches in the distribution of food and clothing. Counselling is a vital part of their program. A number of Hungarian-speaking pastors have moved among the refugees to interpret and to advise.

Under the leadership of the Inter-government Committee for European Migration with the help of voluntary agencies, including the World Council of Churches, there was started immediately a registration of refugees to discover their immigration plans and possibilities. The combined efforts are aimed at rehousing them, first in Austria, then in other countries. The program includes interviewing, accrediting, feeding, clothing, and counselling.

The World Council has provided a Budapest city bus, three Volkswagen Combibuses, and four station wagons to help move people quickly from place to place.

Church World Service immediately sent special funds. Food and clothing already in Austria were released for emergency use. Factually the story is one of food, clothing, medicine, and vitamins. One million vitamins, successive shipments of antibiotics, and eleven tons of blankets were sent.

Church World Service and the World Council provided a nine-truck convoy of church relief supplies which entered Hungary under the auspices of the International Red Cross on November 2.

Around The State With The Churches

ST. HELENS: Four added by baptism. Bible School offering of $50, (Thanksgiving) sent for Christian education by Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Good supply of jello sent to White Swan and the McKinley Indian missions. Young people sponsored a film "Missionary to Walker's Garage," November 25. As previously stated, R. L. Putnam, minister, retired January 1. Succession in local pastorate is not definitely known at this date.

JEFFERSON: Three added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Just finished a very successful meeting with Lawrence Baird. Two young people dedicated their lives to full-time service. Christmas program was presented December 23. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter. Vern Gomez, pastor.

BEAVERTON: Eight added by baptism, 1 otherwise. The tone chamber for the new organ has been completed. Our youth program under the direction of NCC student Dewayne Howell is progressing well with average youth-group attendance in the evening of 40.

Thomas Courtney, minister.

ONTARIO: Four young people attended the World Fellowship Youth meet at La Grande on November 30 and December 1. Making preparations for the Jones-Keister evangelistic clinic to be held in February. H. H. Johnson, minister.

GLENDALE: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Mrs. Betty Roork and Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Marriott are the new members. Interest in C. E. is growing and the young people are conducting their own meetings assisted by the pastor and his wife. Ida Edson, reporter. Guy Armstrong, minister.

PORTLAND-KERN PARK: Two added by baptism, 10 added otherwise. The Church has called Ralph L. Putnam as full-time minister of visitation, effective January 1. Mr. Putnam just completed a most successful pastorate at St. Helens.

The annual planning conference for the church year that begins July 1, 1957, is to be held at Menucha, January 11-12.

Kenneth Johnston, minister.

HARRISBURG: The agenda has been crowded: largest attendance ever had for homecoming; Mrs. Siefke told interesting experiences in the Holy Land on Women's Day; luncheon for speaker and guests of the Northwestern Christian Home for the aged; Christmas fantasy with small children in angel choirs. A scrap drive netted over $1000 for the building fund. Mrs. E. W. Blehm, reporter. Wm. Siefke, minister.

MADRAS: On November 4, we held a Harvest-in-Gathering and Thanksgiving festival. The day was begun with a dedication service, held during the morning worship hour. A potluck dinner was held in the Fireside room after church. An appropriate movie was shown after dinner, followed by a report on the gifts received that day. A total of over $1400 was received. Fred D. Hatchell, minister.

MILL CITY: Hugh E. Jull closed a six-year ministry, December 9. We cooperated in the Union Thanksgiving service. Members of the C.W.F. made their annual visitation to the Turner Memorial Home, December 15, providing gifts for each guest and also a Christmas party.

COQUILLE: Host to nearly 50 youth at the Southern Oregon World Fellowship Youth Meet, with eight of our Chi Rhos attending companion meet in Myrtle Point. C.W.F. presided for Women's Day with minister's wife, Mrs. Walter Naff, our guest speaker. Walter R. Naff, minister.

NORTH PLAINS: We have had two new funds started in our church in the past three months. About $500 has been raised for an organ and $50 per month for added mission support. Our Bible school has been running over the 100 mark.

John Myers, minister.

MYRTLE CREEK: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. One attended Chi Rho youth meet and two attended C.Y.F. Earl Sample was director of the Chi Rho meet at Myrtle Point. Women's Day was observed December 9, with the women presenting the entire service. Edna Burke was a guest speaker.

Bill Bailey, senior high school student, preached a wonderful Sunday evening service to a packed house.

Mary Payne, reporter. Earl Sample, minister.

ROCKAWAY: A friendship tree is being prepared for the McKinley Indian Mission by the Sunday School. Our group received a great deal by attending services with Jesse Bader at Tillamook.

Don Summers, pastor.

ALBANY: Our C. W. F. groups put on a very successful bazaar and dinner on November 30. Mrs. L. O. White, Lebanon, was the Women's Day speaker. The young people put on the play "The Star-Child" on December 9. Our choir program was the "Messiah" on the evening of December 16. Lester Jones, minister.

ROSEBURG - FIRST: Fifteen added by baptism, 5 otherwise. The teachers of the Bible School were honored at a banquet on December 6. George Knox of the Westside church spoke. John Blanchard, assistant superintendent of the Bible school, prepared the meal. Our Bible School is averaging between 75 and 100 over a year ago. Newell Morgan, pastor.

NEWPORT: On October 7 our new minister, David D. Dunning, began services with us. Attendance for the month averaged 150 in the Church School and 125 for church services. Were host to the Coast Union C. E. convention November 2-4 with about 120 in attendance. All-church Christmas potluck, December 12, was sponsored by the C.W.F. "The Guiding Star" was shown December 16.

BAKER: Twelve added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Our building fund money is coming in at over $2000 a month. Hopes are that in a year and a half to two years we can start to build. Just closed a successful evangelistic meeting with Lawrence and Mary Carty of Macomb, Ill.

Joe Jewett, minister.

PORTLAND-CENTRAL: Four added by baptism, 15 otherwise. Minister Alvan L. Tiffin is completing the first year of service with the church on January 1. Attendance for all services has been steadily advancing since early fall. The church has adopted a general fund budget for 1957 of $1065 per week. One dollar out of every four in our budget is for missionary, Bible college, benevolence, and new church development.

PORTLAND-SOUTHEAST: One added by transfer. **SPRINGFIELD:** The Sunday School had 311 in attendance on December 9. We are steadily climbing. Our youth built a float for the annual city Christmas parade which took second place. Howard Larson, minister.

OCEANLAKE: Our attendance is growing as new people are being reached. We are having a junior church which is very well attended, but which is difficult to hold in the small kitchen of the bank building where we meet. Our building fund contains about $320. Richard Larson, minister.

VERNONIA: Dr. Leake resigned August 1, because of failing health, and Don Hainer, NCC, was called as pastor. Cassie D. Livingston, reporter. **TURNER:** One added by baptism, 5 by statement. Jack McDaniel, minister. **SWEET HOME:** Bible school attendance is averaging about 40 above this time last year. Earl F. Downing, pastor.

PORT ORFORD: We have welcomed many visitors from all parts of the United States as well as some who turned out to be old members returning after a prolonged absence in various parts of Port Orford. Don Whitney, minister.

PORTLAND - SELLWOOD: Attendance to the Bible School and worship hours is steadily growing. We had the Bible School Christmas program December 21, and C.W.F. presented an evening Christmas pageant, December 23. Robert Clevenger, minister.

DALLAS: Five added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Host to the Union Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving day. A full house was reported. Many requests for copies of our Centennial booklet have been received by mail at the office. There are still some copies available. Philip L. Wolfe, minister.

YONCALLA: Three added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Ren M. Hollister, minister. **ELGIN:** Twenty added by baptism, 3 otherwise. We had a wonderful meeting with Willie White. Lester Wells, minister.

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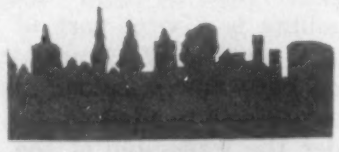

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EUGENE ALLISON PARK: Sent 12 of our youth and leaders to the winter youth meets at Corvallis and Lebanon. We have reduced our indebtedness on the new site below the $300 mark. Bible school averaged 105 for November. O. F. Mick, minister.

VAUGHN: Held a successful homecoming in November. Our high school Sunday School class, under the leadership of Don Stricklan of NCC, has grown 300 per cent. Sunday School attendance averaging 100 for month of December. Christmas program was December 16. Tim Kribs, pastor.

SILVERTON: Minister was counselor for Chi Rho Friendship Meet at Salem, with a carload attending. CMF presented a program for the Silver Foxes (Silverton's U.H.S. football team), who came in second in A-2 state football championship. Both the CYF and Chi Rhos will sing carols to shut-ins. I. M. Nelson, minister.

PEORIA: The Christmas program was presented Sunday evening, December 23. The young people presented the play, "The Inn at Bethlehem." Dean Propeck, minister. **CARLTON:** Robert S. Kuykendall and the Yamhill brethren started revival meeting here January 6. Dr. T. M. White, minister.

BEND: We were host to the Capital for Kingdom Building meeting, November 12. Three churches were represented. We have pledged $360 per year for three years to the project. Host to World Youth Fellowship meet, December 14-15. Len Fishback of Burns was dean.
H. Cecil Bever, minister.

LAGRANDE: One added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Host to the area youth meet. Dr. Jesse M. Bader spoke for the morning service. Special guests with him were Ross J. Griffeth and Charles H. Addleman. A coffee hour on October 21 observed tenth anniversary of beginning of Gene Robinson's ministry here. His report showed 989 sermons, 604 addresses, 267 weddings, 458 funerals, 8,562 calls, and 589 new members. Chosen to pour for the coffee hour were Mrs. Nora Noah, chairman of the deaconesses for the 10 years, and Mrs. Reba Clark, church secretary for seven years.

SALEM - GARDEN ROAD: Attendance and interest growing here. We are sponsoring two basketball teams in the church league. Average Sunday night attendance at youth meetings is about 25. These make up the choir for the evening worship service. Five have been added by statement, four by baptism.
Don Priest, pastor.

ATHENA: Attendance picking up in all departments of the church. Plan a meeting in February with the Elery Parrish team. Choir purchased new robes for Christmas music. Girl's junior choir sings each second Sunday of the month. Family Sunday there were 22 girls in the choir under the leadership of Janet Whitacre, a high-school senior. Paul Moore, pastor.

NORTH BEND: Two added by baptism, 4 by transfer. Pastor Clyde Blakley has terminated a five-year ministry with this church, to go to a new field of service. A farewell reception for him and his family was held the evening of December 9, with standing room only in the church social hall. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter.

GLADSTONE: Stewardship day for the educational plant was held and the goal of $1500 was surpassed by $200; $1000 more was received by bequest, thus completing the amount needed to finish the project. Mrs. C. C. Smith was Women's Day speaker, December 2. Dave Kullowatz, pastor.

PORTLAND - PARKROSE: Eleven added by baptism, 13 otherwise. Finished meeting of Larry Baird with excellent results and a fine spirit. Work is beginning for the Portland area evangelism with Medford Jones in the spring. Our building program is drawing toward a close with plans to dedicate in the spring. Dallas Meserve, minister.

CLOVERDALE: Nine added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Elery Parrish, secretary of camp board, closed meeting with us, December 2, baptizing son, Warren, in the lake. Others baptized in the new baptistry. Host to Coast CE clinic over holidays. Held a joint watch-night service with Oceanlake. Continuing weekly motion pictures. Sunday School bus overflowing. Evangelist Parrish cut the superintendent's tie for reaching goal. Bill Morse Jr. and Sr., ministers.

EUGENE - UNIVERSITY ST.: Two added by baptism, 5 otherwise. December 9, the youth were in charge of the evening service. The youth director, George Keillor, gave the evening message. George is a junior at NCC from Crenshaw Church in L. A. Leo Woodruff, minister.

ELKTON: Douglas County convention was held here, November 25. Luncheon was served to 75 at noon. Walter Naff of Coquille was speaker of the afternoon. C.W.F. filled boxes for the Yakima Mission and the Beaverton Home. Christmas luncheon and program held December 19. Phillip Ryan, minister.

EUGENE - WESTSIDE: Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Shields, candidates to Brazil mission field, spoke December 9. Christmas program was held December 16, followed by caroling. L. Elwell, minister.

BURNS: Three added by baptism, 3 otherwise. We had two carloads of young people attend the World Fellowship Youth Meet in Bend, December 14-15. Our choir presented "The Holy Child," a Biblical service of story and song on December 16. The three Wise Men again brought the Christmas treats to the Bible School children. Len B. Fishback, minister.

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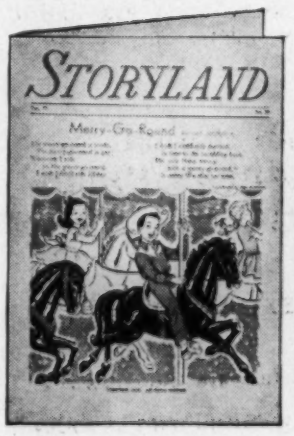

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Around The State With The Churches

FOREST GROVE: In November we organized a junior choir that meets every Saturday morning. We had a fine men's fellowship meeting with Ali Asgar of the Fiji Islands, as our speaker. The monthly church night dinner used Carl Heine, a Marshall Islands boy from Pacific University, as speaker. On January 6, we started having two Sunday Schools and two worship services. Elby Boosinger, minister.

LAKE GROVE: We have just called Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Johnson to be ministers. We held a reception for them on December 9.

PORTLAND - SOUTHWEST: Three new additions. Charter membership closed December 31. Elected new officers for the coming year. Had a watch-night service and a special candlelight service for Christmas. With increasing attendance we had to buy 25 more folding chairs. Mrs. Ivan Scott, reporter. Wayne V. Jensen, minister.

MARCOLA: Four added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Evangelistic meetings were held November 5-18 with Dave Kullowatz of Gladstone as evangelist. Christmas program was held December 23. Gail Davis, minister.

HEPPNER: Organized a new women's group for those who work during the day. Host to the district 90 and 9 men with Mr. N. A. Davis of Walla Walla as guest speaker. The NCC quartet and Ed Eldridge were with us for a youth rally and morning worship. Youth attended Youth Meet at La Grande. Charles V. Knox, pastor.

MT. VERNON: Adult Bible class was host to a potluck Thanksgiving dinner and party, November 18. November 30, we had a housewarming for the Dorman family. On December 3, the senior youth group sponsored a chili feed. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter. Douglas Priest, pastor.

GLENEDEN BEACH: The NCC male quartet put on a very fine musical program during the Bible School hour, November 4. Ed Eldridge spoke concerning NCC. The pastor, Earl Gibbs, his wife, and three young people attended the Coast Union CE convention in Newport on November 3. The Christmas program was held December 21.

REDMOND: We observed a week of missions in November with Miss Goldie Ruth Wells, former Congo missionary, as speaker and leader. Richard Merriman, minister.

TILLAMOOK: We lost one of our oldest members by death, Mrs. Betty Doty, 92 years of age. Boy Scout troop with 30 members needs more room. C.W.F. has averaged 60 members at its monthly meeting. It has four circles that averages 12 in attendance and one with 25 meeting in the evening. Twenty-eight delegates attended the Coast district C.E. convention at Newport. Aldis L. Webb, minister.

MILWAUKIE: A Scout Court of honor for the troop sponsored by the church was held recently. James Eldridge received the coveted "God and Country" award. Associate pastor, Marvin Eckfeldt, made the presentations and preached the sermon on "Ramparts We Watch." Officers of the youth group accompanied by Marvin Eckfeldt and Irene Burlile attended the World Fellowship Meet at Salem, where Marvin led an interest group on vocations. Pastor Alger Fitch recently conducting a preaching mission at Milton-Freewater with 13 additions and more showing interest. Mrs. Wm. Van Antwerp, reporter.

CORVALLIS: Mrs. L. O. White of Lebanon was Women's Day speaker, December 9. The Sanctuary choir, under the direction of Opal Martin Johnson, presented "Christmas Vespers" on December 16. The Church School Christmas program was given December 23, and the traditional service of carols and candle lighting on Christmas Eve. The offering and white gifts were for the Beaverton Home. Don Helseth, minister.

MONMOUTH: We have added a "children's object lesson" to the Sunday morning worship service. Teachers of the Bible School were honored November 25, with special mention of individual service, presentation of a red carnation to each one, and selection of the "teacher of the year," Mrs. Kenneth McCrae, primary teacher. Her class painted plaster-of-paris figurines for Christmas scenes. Eldon Riddell is Bible School superintendent. We now have volunteer help from the college student members and a paid part-time secretary in the office. Richard Owen, minister.

HOOD RIVER - VALLEY: In keeping with the growing sentiment of putting Christ back into Christmas, we planned the Christmas program around that idea. The children's program was followed by a Christmas worship service by the young people. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Radliff have taken the sponsorship of the Junior CE, with about ten boys and girls up to eleven years old. The CYF, Chi Rho, and Junior CE groups now have a total attendance for Sunday evening and extracurricular activities of about 40.

Leo Horner, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Ten added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Our two weeks of evangelism with Alger Fitch was a wonderful time of inspiration with 15 victories for Christ. A Christmas cantata was given December 23 and the children's Christmas program and party was December 19. Virginia, the minister's wife, promoted a project for sending cookies to our service men, college students, and shut-ins. Forty boxes were Christmas-wrapped and sent. Our Sunday School superintendent and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Faires, presented Oriental wood offering bowls to all classes in memory of their son, Burdette. Irene Warner, reporter. Truman Robbins, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Three added by baptism, 3 otherwise. The Protestant forces of Eugene and this area held an evangelistic conference in the First Methodist and First Christian Churches with Dr. Jesse M. Bader. This conference was held in cooperation with the Oregon Council of Churches. Mrs. Ellen Stokes, reporter. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

JASPER: We're having a Sunday school contest with Lorane. So far it has resulted in increased interest especially with the young people, who are working throughout the community encouraging folk to come to church.

MULTNOMAH: Recently dedicated new chimes for our organ. Also dedicated 175 new hymnals. Will have $10,000 in the building fund by the first of the year. Purchased 50 new chairs for classrooms. Leland Earls, pastor.

LEXINGTON: We recently raised a thousand dollars to fix the floor and doors to the sanctuary, work beginning early in January. The attendance of both Sunday school and church is coming up, and the choir is doing an excellent job. Norman Northrup, minister.

WILLAMINA: Eight added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Had an excellent meeting in October with Meyer and Alice Tan-Ditter. The first Sunday of the meeting, 288 attended Bible school.

Elmo Black, minister.

ASTORIA: Young people held enlistment banquet in November. Weekly C.E. meetings have grown as a result. Mrs. Edna Burke spoke at the morning service on December 2, for Women's Day. Four families were helped from God's cupboard at Thanksgiving time with food and clothing. Albert D. Kribs, minister.

THURSTON: Thirteen added by baptism. We have just purchased an old home adjoining the church property. We plan to raze the old house soon and build a parsonage. Charles Richards, minister.

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